

STUFF Briefs

Skip gives lecture

On Tuesday, October 5, President Albert Shannon gave a presentation for students interested in Total Quality Management. The presentation was given in the Halleck south lounge and sponsored by S.I.F.E.

In the presentation, Shannon discussed concepts that are vital in the world of business. He discussed the importance of the customer and mentioned that quality is always the top priority.

Shannon also added an interesting twist to the discussion -- he described total quality management at SJC. It was explained that sound business principles can be applied to the operation of a college.

Although the presentation was intended for anyone interested in the subject, it was mainly aimed towards business, marketing, management majors and the SIFE club. One student commented, "It was a clear and helpful presentation. It was good, I learned from it. I think Skip is a very good speaker."

SJC actors take the stage

RUMORS, a play by Neil Simon, will be performed this weekend by the Columbian Players and the Communications and Theater Arts department.

The play will be showing in the Auditorium on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. Students can enjoy free admission. Other ticket prices are:

Adults: \$3.00
Children: \$2.00

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The first 100 days...

Skip provides update and insight

by Klaudia Janek

On Oct. 7, 1993 an Open Forum was held, giving students a chance to voice any questions, or comments concerning President Albert Shannon's first 100 days in office. The idea for the Open Forum was the brainchild of Ken Benich, president of the Student Association. Shannon said, this was "the most exciting 100 days of my life...it was a time for MJ and I to put in dozens and dozens of hours" here at Saint Joseph's College.

President Shannon started out by giving a brief summary of events which have taken place since his presidency began. Students applying have had higher SAT scores, more Trustee Scholarships have been given and more academic clubs have been organized on campus. He also said that he is proud of all the students and will continue to support them.

Next, Shannon mentioned his high moral expectations of students. He also said, "this is a Catholic campus and will stay a Catholic campus."

President Shannon went on to state some of his top priorities at Saint Joseph's College. He is working hard to raise money for more endowments which would

provide students with more scholarships. He also wants to raise enrollment within the next couple of years.

Another priority of Shannon's is the new Core building which is being planned. The new building will have new facilities for lectures and provide new office space for faculty. It will be approximately 45 thousand sq. ft. and may be located between Halleck and the science building. A major objective for the building is to have it paid for "before the shovel hits the ground," said President Shannon.

Shannon also wants to "fire students up" for various campus activities. He plans on doing this by being around campus with MJ, his wife, as much as possible to listen to student concerns. He will also continue with his habit of saying, "It's a great day to be a Puma!"

Students can also look forward to hearing about alternative housing here on campus. Some ideas include co-ed dorms, freshman dorms, apartments for seniors on Lake Banet.

President Shannon also spoke about various athletic concerns, such as the level of

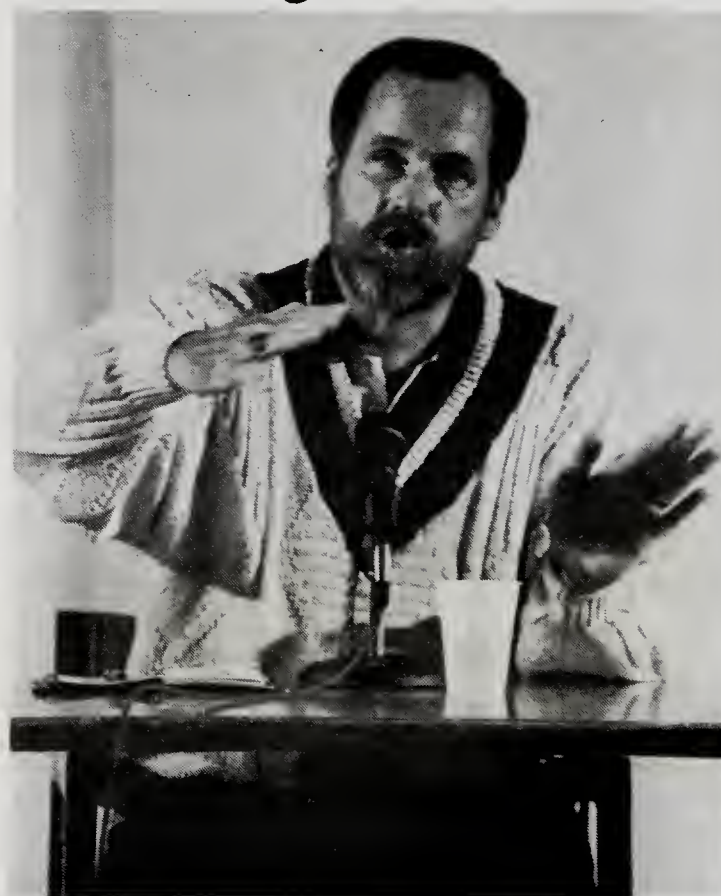


photo by Holly Pickens

Skip discusses his presidency with students.

competition facing our football team, and the possibility of installing an all-weather track.

The so-called improvement on campus involves a campus telephone system. Next year all the dorm rooms will have phone lines. The new system will cost 1/2 a million dollars and will be operated by AT&T. There will be no charges for these phone lines, but there will be an increase in tuition.

President Shannon is concerned about the negligible amount of recycling done on campus. He is willing to listen and help students with a plan for recycling on campus.

When asked about the Open forum senior Samah Khoury said, "It gives the students a chance to express their needs and gives Skip Shannon a chance to express his ability."

Parents visit Saint Joseph's College

by Krisle Kimerer

The tradition previously called Parent's Day, which was changed several years ago to Parent's Weekend, is going to take place on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16. "The purpose of this weekend is to give parents a chance to visit with their children within the context of the academic scene and to share the

college experience," said William Cebie Smith, Director of the Alumni Association.

Many parents will be reliving their college years at Saint Joseph's. Smith estimates that approximately 100 of the students currently attending Saint Joseph's are second or third generation Pumas. The typical attendance for Parent's Week-

end is 175-200 people.

There will be a variety of activities offered on this weekend. On Friday, a wine and cheese reception will be held in the library at 6:00 PM in honor of President Albert J. Shannon and Parents. A display of faculty and student art will be presented

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Parent's Weekend events

Wine and cheese reception
Sat. 6:00 p.m. in Library

RUMORS by Neil Simon
Thurs., Fri., Sat. at 8:00 p.m.
Auditorium

Alpha Lambda Delta
Induction
Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Banquet
Saturday at 6:00 p.m.



Opinion

Core I autobiography crucial to Core program, self learning

Saint Joseph's College is an institution based in education, knowledge and learning.

In four years at this school, we should all walk away better people, capable of functioning in the "real world" without difficulty.

One of the ways the educators at Saint Joseph's ensures our success is through the Core program. This nationally-renowned program makes the students well-rounded and educated. We learn about culture and civilization, the Hebrews and Greeks, science and humanity. And through it all, we learn about ourselves.

One of the most fundamental exercises dealing with self-learning was eliminated in the curriculum this year. Core I students are no longer required to write an autobiography.

While the rest of us struggled for weeks (or the night before) to finish the mandatory project, freshman class this year will not have this common Saint Joe traditional bond.

This year there will not be any stories of childhood dreams and wishes. No silly stories about childhood pets and sibling torture. No life stories.

When I bought my Core I syllabus a few years ago, I remember looking over the required assignments. I was a little nervous but still excited about writing my life story.

Imagine--I was 17 years old and someone wanted to read my story--for a grade.

I spent several nights toiling over different topics, choosing the most important events in my life and deciding how to approach writing about them.

I was originally scared of the 25 page minimum for the autobiography; however, the assignment was so interesting, so fun and so rewarding that I did not have any difficulty filling over 60 pages with different life experiences.

What I learned from writing the Core I autobiography was the importance of my family and friends--these were, and are, the

people who have made me what I am today and what I will be tomorrow. Honest and true appreciation for my parents was something I never felt before having to tackle this assignment.

Since my freshman year here, my relationship with my parents has improved. I realize now that they really are human.

Without the autobiography assignment, I'm sure I would have eventually come to this conclusion; however, who knows when it would have been. The assignment just helped me realize some personal things about my life and myself.

I feel almost sorry that the students in the Class of 1997 will not be able to share this experience. They will not have this opportunity to learn about themselves.

Something has been taken away from the Core program. Something about life.

--jml

Opinion Poll

FRESHMEN: What are your first impressions of Saint Joseph's?

Tiffany Blancha: "It's a small school but everyone is friendly. I don't feel like a social security number here at Saint Joe."

Natalie Kutie: "I like the fact that the professors are so concerned with the students. I dislike the fact that everything you do turns into 'Puma Rumor.'"

Matt Planowski: "I enjoy this lovely institution to the fullest extent."

Tanya Elliott: "Very small, friendly atmosphere. Being a nursing student, I wish I could stay longer than one year."

Christi Bishop: "I feel it's a friendly environment."

I enjoy the small classes and the openness of the professors."

David Rogers: "It's great. I really enjoy the uniqueness of my professors."

Jennifer Phelps: "I think it's a fine institution for higher education."

Become part of the tradition

The 1994 PHASE yearbook staff is currently seeking new members. This will be the first "real" yearbook in four years. No more videos. Be part of the re-institutionalizing of a college tradition. Positions available in copy

(writing), layout and design and photography. No experience is necessary. Training and workshops will be provided by the staff. If interested, please contact Ron Fredrick at 866-6141 by Tuesday.

Opinion

Recycling is individual effort

As a freshman here at Saint Joseph's College, I have noticed many things about this campus. One of my biggest problems is the lack of recycling done here here. The lack of student concern has greatly surprised me.

Recycling is offered on most college campuses across the United States and students take advantage this service.

It's a different story on this college campus. Rensselaer is definitely very far behind in the recycling trend, but with enough encouragement from students and members of the community this shortcoming can be reversed.

We do have bins available for aluminum can recycling which is a good start, but students and faculty members tend to throw the cans into the garbage anyway.

Come on, how much more effort does it take to put the can in the recycling bin than in the trash bin? Recycling is not going to happen on its own; it needs a little effort on our part.

I feel so guilty every time I throw away a piece of paper, knowing very well that paper is easy to recycle, but it doesn't seem to bother many other people.

What about all the glass and plastic containers that are thrown away in the dorms? There could be recycling bins in the bathrooms for these items just like for aluminum. Most of the things that students throw away are recyclable, but that fact is widely ignored here.

Everyone has heard the facts about recycling a lot in the last few years, so I'm not going to repeat them. We all know about all the money and natural resources that could be saved by us recycling. Or have people on this campus been oblivious to the world around them? Are you just too lazy to make the tiny little effort to walk over to the recycling bin?

Maybe soon students on this campus will start to see the need for recycling. There are opportunities on campus to make this change, students could join the Environmental Club, and we all know that Skip Shannon is willing to listen to our ideas.

The first change doesn't start with the school, it starts with an individual changing. We have a responsibility to this campus and to the environment. Let's start making a change.

--Klaudia Janek



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Brian Guerre, Patrick Schuttrow, Michael Tackett, Sara Burman, Ted Novak, Emmy Kreilkamp, and Jessica Henry rehearse for the comedy RUMORS.

STUFF honored

Newspaper makes Hall of Fame

by Jacquelyn M. Leonard

STUFF, the newspaper of Saint Joseph's College, was recently named to the Associated Collegiate Press College Newspaper Hall of Fame.

The Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) is one of the most prestigious college newspaper associations. Based at the University of Minnesota, the ACP regularly sponsors workshops and critiques, as well as conducting national competitions and critiques.

"This is a great honor for the paper, the College and all of those who've helped to make the paper such an outstanding production both in the present and the past," said Ron Fredrick, Director of Public Information. Fredrick also acts as STUFF's moderator; Dr. Charles Kerlin is the newspaper's faculty advisor.

STUFF's selection into the honorable Hall of Fame was based "in recognition of sustained excellence in national competitions with other college student publications, and for receiving consistently the All American Honor Rating in these evaluation and competition programs," according to Tom Rolnicki, ACP Executive Director.

Eligibility for induction into the Hall of Fame is based on a newspaper's achievement of All American status for ten consecu-

tive years. All American status is the highest rating a newspaper can obtain. STUFF was consistently All American from 1965-1981.

There are only 30 other colleges in the Hall of Fame. Inducted with Saint Joseph's College were the newspapers from the University of Miami and Amarillo College in Texas. Other current members of the Hall are Ball State University, Kansas State University, Saint John's University, the University of Texas and the University of Virginia.

STUFF was created in 1937 when the COLLEGIAN split into three different areas: STUFF, MEASURE and CONTACT. The initial editorial in the first issue of STUFF explains the name.

"Everything we do here in college is material to be worked up in the fashioning of ourselves as men. The raw materials of our minds and souls are being turned into the making of the finished product," the editorial states.

The announcement of the 1993 induction of STUFF into the Hall of Fame came at the same time that the 1992-1993 year of the paper received a First Class rating. First Class is one level below All American status.

RUMORS...

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The play is a comedy which takes place in the home of the Deputy Mayor of New York. The ever-present Sara Burman and Ted Novak return to the SJC stage, while Michael Tackett brings a fresh face and new talent to the theatre.

Other students performing in the play are: Patrick Schuttrow, Emmy Kreilkamp, Jessica Henry, Brian Guerre, Tracy Marks, Ryan McMarty, and Andrea Remlay.

Alpha Lambda Delta to induct new members

Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honor society for students achieving high academic standards as freshman, will be inducting new members this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. in the Ballroom. Students being inducted include: Cindy Aubuchon, Susan Banner, Andrea Bernardon, Donna Bossung, Jonathan Bringewatt, John Chapman, Kim Chapman, Mary Cooley, Christopher Cripe, Matthew Davey, Mandy Derflinger, James Eckman, Brad Evans, Danielle Figlio, Jodi Firth, Jason Garing, Jennifer Gretencord, Kristen Hansen, Michael Hausladen, Scott Holmes, Carolyn Johnson, Sharon Kellaw, Mary Kilmurry, Melinda Klaus, Dwayne Leininger, Veronica Lochmer, Michael Mantiscalco, Trillie McClatchey, Eric McKeown, Kristen Obanni, William Patterson, Jane Phillips, Christine Reifel, Dianne Roberts, Amanda Rodeffer, Erin Roth, Monica Serrani, Scott Seville, April Slupski, Elizabeth True.



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Sara Burman plays the role of Chris Gorman during a recent rehearsal of Neil Simon's RUMORS.

Parents visit SJC

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during the reception. Amanda Lemler will provide background music by playing a keyboard synthesizer which will be loaned by Professor Dave Chesak. The registration on Saturday morning will be staffed by parents. A parent/student dinner consisting of a prime rib and chicken buffet will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Halleck Center ballroom. Reservations, due by October 1, are necessary for the dinner.

Another reason why many parents will be attending the Oct. 15 Parent's Weekend is the induction ceremony of selected students into Alpha Lambda Delta. The induction ceremony is only for sophomores and will be held in Halleck Center Ballroom at 10:00 a.m.

Parents are kept in touch with Saint Joseph's campus

activities not only by attending Parent's Weekend but throughout the year through the Parent Communicator. The Parent Communicator is a magazine that is offered as a service through Alumni & Parents Relations Office at Saint Joseph's. It is distributed to all of the Saint Joseph's parents three times a year. The focus of the magazine is geared towards what is occurring on campus that would be of possible interest to the parents. The editor and coeditor, Carol Novak and Steve Stankencicz, are parents of current Saint Joseph's students.

Jennifer Bell, a senior in marketing, said, "My parents only came the first year that I was here. They are already familiar with the campus, so there really isn't anything for them to do except to take me out to dinner." Parent's Weekend hopes to change that by getting parents involved on campus.



A non-alcoholic adventure at Coconut Joe's

A beechwood aged adventure

by J.W. Sacco

Yep, there I was, waiting outside the bar. I knew that she would be here but I wasn't sure if she'd remember me. I scanned the crowd that waited outside this bar known as Coconut Joe's. I had a memory of what she looked like but I wasn't sure if she had changed or not. I decided to go into the establishment and see if she was in there.

I began to cough and I moved my arms in a swimming motion in hopes that I would be able to get rid of the smoke that filled the small bar. I made my way through the crowd to the bar.

"Ah, mousier Sacco, welcome back. How long has it been?" asked Frenchy Hurst, the bartender.

"I'm not sure Frenchy, I think two years. Hey, give me the usual," I told him.

After a brief wait, Frenchy came back with my Pina Colada (non-alcoholic, of course) and he didn't forget my black umbrella in the drink.

"Ah, you remembered," I said to him.

"How can I forget," he said with a smile.

I drank my frosty delight and continued to scan the crowd for her. Suddenly I saw her. She hadn't changed a bit, her jet black hair moved in the slight breeze that came through the window.

"Keep the change Frenchy," I said, as I placed a twenty on the bar.

"Thank you," replied Frenchy.

I kept my eye on her as I slipped slowly through the dancing mass of people. Finally she saw me and broke into a smile.

"Well, hello Sacco. How have you been?" she asked.

"Not bad. Kind of busy though," was my reply.

"You haven't changed one bit. You still wear those black Converse, you still dress in black, and you still wear that leather jacket," she said as she reached over to touch my black leather biker's jacket. Before she could touch it I grabbed her hand and stopped her.

"Oooohhh.... you haven't changed," she said with a sensual accent.

She then put her hands in my hair and began to examine it closely. "I see you hair is its natural color."

"Yeah, I've grown up. I don't like to do those immature childish things anymore," I told her. But as I said this my Animaniacs wallet fell from my pocket.

"HMMM," she said as she picked up the wallet and began to examine it, "through with childish things?"

"Well most of them," was the only reply I could think of.

"Do you want to grab a table

and talk?" she asked.

"I'd rather sit down and talk."

"Uhhh... sure whatever."

We picked a table in the corner of the bar; the table was located right next to the DJ.

"Sacco, how are you?" asked the DJ.

As I looked up I noticed the DJ was my old friend Ski.

"Not bad Ski. And you?" I asked.

He nodded his head.

"Ski?" I asked.

He looked up from his CDs.

"Do you remember our song?"

"Of course I do Sacco," he replied.

"Would you do me a favor Ski?" I asked.

"Sure," he replied.

"For one last time play that song for us. Play it again, Ski."

He quickly shuffled through his CD collection and pulled out the disc that our song was on. He took the shiny silver disc out of its plastic casing and placed it in the CD player. With a smile he pressed play. After a few seconds of silence our song blared out of the speakers.

*"Fragile,
like a baby in your arms
be gentle with me I'd never
willingly do you harm
apologies are all you seem to
get from me*

*but just like a child you make
me smile when you care for me,"*
is how the song went. I grabbed

her hand and sang along with the chorus.

"And you know

it's a question of lust

it's a question of trust

*it's a question of not letting
what we've built up crumble to
dust*

*it is all of these things and
more that keep us together."*

"You really haven't changed," she said with a smile.

I just smiled back.

She grabbed my hand and held it tight.

"Don't," I said as I released her grip, "don't do this again."

She looked into my eyes.

"I know that you are married and that you were married at the time of our first romance," I said to her.

She began to sob, "I didn't mean...."

I interrupted her, "We don't mean to do a lot of things, but we do them anyway."

"That's true," she replied, "but what I'm trying to tell you is..."

I interrupted her again, "I know... you're sorry."

"If you would let me finish I was going to tell you that I didn't mean for my fake eyelash to fall into your drink," she said angrily.

I looked into my drink and saw this small, hairy, caterpillar like thing floating aimlessly around the surface.

"Uhhh.. well... thanks," I said as I tried to fish this foreign object from my cool refreshment.

She looked down at the table and began to cry.

"I have to leave again," she said, "but this time I want you to come with me back to France."

"I can't trust you anymore. I can love you but I can't trust you," I sadly told her.

She told me that her plane left in an hour. I was willing to give her a ride to the Jasper County Airport.

The drive was a silent and long one. We reached the airport and I walked her to the plane that waited.

"Please come with me," she pleaded. I stood firm to my original plans.

"Is there anything I can say to change your mind?" she asked.

I just looked down and shook my head.... I couldn't look her in the eyes. The plane's engines began to roar.

"Goodbye," she said as she grabbed my face and moved closer to kiss me.

I stopped her and kissed her on the forehead.

"Here's looking at you kid," I said. And she walked up the stairs to the plane. It wasn't until the plane pulled away that I realized that I had let her go again. And Coconut Joe's was to blame.

The walk of death on Parents Weekend

by J.W. Sacco

Up until 1975, there was a little known event that happened every Parents Weekend here at Saint Joseph's College. It was known to many as the "Walk of Death."

The ceremonies began at 4 in the morning when the parents of a few selected students would go into their child's room and wake him up.

These students were chosen by a random lottery of students whose grade point average was below 1.80.

Once awakened, the parents of the students would lead them out to the open field between

Noll and Gallagher. This is where the photo to your right was taken.

Once the parents of these students had them out in the field the walk began.

Led by an accordion player, who specialized in Lawrence Welk tunes (bubbles not included), the parents grabbed the students and dragged them to the altar where the sacrifice to the president of the College took place.

Finally, after much controversy, this event was outlawed by the state of Indiana.

So, next time you complain about work, just think of those poor souls who were sacrificed.



Photo from STUFF Archives

A photographer died while taking this exclusive photo of the ceremony.



Exclusive interview with everyone's favorite Core teacher

The manager of Core XI

by Billy Dawn Schurttter

"I heard about the job opening at Core XI so I trained to be a bartender. I was the only junior that was a bartender at that time so they sort of trained me to be a manager for the following year as I was the only one left who would still be there," says Shawn Hurst, a senior here at Saint Joseph's college.

Hurst says you have to submit a resume and go through the usual interviewing process. "I had absolutely no experience and to be a bartender you have to be licensed and that takes two years," says Hurst.

Core XI is for people 21 or older, membership is required as it is a private club. "Everyone who comes in must be a member and be 21...everyone will be

carded, no exceptions," says Hurst.

Snacks will be more accessible after the cafeteria snack bar opens as members can order directly from the bar.

"We're also adding a 'personal touch' by creating a customer collage of the members and events of the club, so don't be surprised if you see someone snapping pictures of you when your down there," said Hurst.

There will be a Halloween party at the end of the month although the plans have not been finalized yet. "We're hoping to have prizes for the best costume," adds Hurst.

Core XI is a private club but you can attain membership at the Student Affairs Office for \$10.00 a year. Hurst is always

ready to defend that membership fee.

"For 10 dollars the day students get to meet people on campus, you get entertainment. You get to come down to Core XI and play cards or (when we get the new dartboard) darts. We are planning to have Core XI open, once in a while, on Monday nights for Monday Night Football. Of course you get refreshments and, above all, get to have a good time," says Hurst.

"We also give prizes away at some of the parties we have, but most importantly, we have a lot of fun!" says Hurst.

Hurst adds that he would like to see more faculty at Core XI.

The membership lets you come in at any time you want to

and also includes being allowed to bring one guest with you. That guest has to be someone from off of campus and they also have to be 21.

Hurst adds, "The thing that is nice about having Core XI is that is so close to home if you live on campus. If your going to drink, all you have to do is take a short walk not drive."

Hurst goes on to say, "I don't want people to think that Core XI is just for people who drink. We have Coke, juices, and non-alcoholic Pina Coladas. We want everyone to feel welcome and to become a member at Core XI as it a relaxation place as well as an entertainment place."

Hurst adds that, "We're always trying to improve things. I would really appreciate people

giving me suggestions on what they would like to see at Core XI. If members would like a certain kind of special entertainment, all they have to do is tell me and I will try to provide it".

Hurst says the students would like to see a 60's party sometime which he is thinks is a great idea.

Core XI is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and then on Friday and Saturday it is open from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

"I think Core XI gives you a chance to get to know people. I really think that provides you with a good time," says Hurst with a smile.

If anyone would like to hold a private party, all they have to do is contact him at Core XI.

Thompson leads the class of 1997

by Virginia Evans

"I was president of several clubs at my high school, and I see myself as being a leader," says Freshmen Class President Scott Thompson.

His duties as president are to attend the Senate and Executive Board Meetings and to make sure the Freshmen Class is happy.

He says, "I've only been president for three weeks so I'm finding out everyday new things that I have to do."

Thompson stated that one of his main goals as class president will be to encourage, "class unity", and to show that, "this is the best freshmen class to ever come to Saint Joseph's College." He says he wants to "make some history by doing stuff the freshmen class has never done

before."

Among those things that Thompson is trying to do is plan a freshmen dinner and a variety of fundraisers. "It's hard to do anything without a lot of money," says Thompson.

Thompson says that he is working closely with the sophomore class and he hopes to combine a few events with the two classes. One of those events that he is trying to get going is a competition with the freshmen and sophomores as a team, and the junior and seniors as another team.

Thompson is busy with both on and off campus activities. Some of his on campus activities include Puma Pride and Campus Ministry. Outside of campus he is involved in a group called "Americas Pride". He

describes it as, "a group that goes around to different high schools throughout the U.S. and gives seminars on drug prevention, and keeping a positive outlook on life." Scott says, "Sometimes I feel bogged down but I keep myself on a time schedule."

Thompson comes from Crawfordsville, Indiana and has a younger sister. His major is Physical Therapy and his minor is Physical Training, both of which he states, "are subject to change." In the future, Thompson stated he would like to be sophomore class president but states, "I'm gonna take it one year at a time." Thompson stresses the fact that if freshmen have any ideas or comments that they give him a call anytime.



Photo by Holly Pickens

Scott Thompson, pictured here working at the Beer and Brat Tent during Homecoming Weekend, takes on the challenging task of freshman class president.

Left: Bob Sheridan (far left with dumb look), Mark Brown (hand on cheek) and Trent Smith (far right) suddenly find out that they aren't scheduled to play basketball for another twenty five years.

Photo from STUFF archives





Soccer set for important weekend



by Mark Ciesielski

The men's and women's soccer teams look to improve their records this weekend when the men play Kentucky Wesleyan and Rose Hulman, and the women play Saint Mary's.

The men's team has a record of 5-7 for the season. A season, according to senior Shawn Hurst, that has turned into hopes for making the conference tournament.

"What we're shooting for now is making the conference tournament and if things go right, having home field advantage for the tournament," he said. "The top four teams get the opportunity to have home field advantage and we're hoping we'll be one of them."

Currently, the men are 1-2 in conference play, but the team is not looking at their record for a show of success.

"Really our record is not all that great this year," said Hurst. "The thing is, we have been playing a lot better as a team lately, and hopefully just in time for the final stretch of the season."

The men will play Saturday and Sunday against Kentucky Wesleyan and Rose Hulman.



FIGHTING FOR THE BALL, freshman Sarah Szolosi struggles with her opponent for possession of the ball in a recent match. Photo by Brian Gallagher

The women are coming off a strong win against Trinity College on Tuesday, where they won 3-1. A victory, says sophomore Allison McDonough, that was a much needed win for the Pumas.

"We played poorly over the last week," she said. "We didn't talk to each other, our passing wasn't there, and we just weren't playing as a team. But the win against Trinity was great because we

played well and had fun too."

The Pumas play today against Judson University and again on Saturday, when they meet Saint Mary's University for a rematch of last year's loss.

The game is big, according to senior Tawn Ray, because there is a hint of revenge on the minds of the Pumas.

"One of our goals was to have a winning record against all division 3 schools," said Ray. "Saint Mary's beat us last year and we're really pumped for this game."

McDonough agreed, "We played them twice last year and lost 2-0 in one game and were winning when the other game got rained out. We're ready for this game."

According to Ray, the team must play from beginning to end without letting up, a weakness she feels has plagued the Pumas all year.

"We've really been playing well, but we don't play that way for a full 90 minute match. We have to be intense from start to finish," she said.

McDonough also said the Pumas must continue to communicate when they're on the field. "We must play as a team and talk to each other because that's been our weakness all year," she said.

Unexplainable? Pumas try to put season back on track

by Mark Ciesielski

The Puma volleyball team will play IUPUI next Wednesday, as they look to get back on track after last Tuesday's loss to St. Xavier University.

The Pumas lost to St. Xavier in four games after winning the first game. Unfortunate luck, says senior Mary Pat Schreiber, that is almost unexplainable.

"I can't even explain what it is we're doing right now," she said. "It's part mental, it's part execution, and part letting ourselves not get back after a mistake."

The loss puts the Pumas at 8-14 and they remain winless in conference. Schreiber says the team has gone up and down all season and hopes they can climb out of the rut they're in right now.

According to junior Tara Faulkner, communication on the court remains the key to Puma victories, as well as perfecting "the little things."

"We really need to improve the little things like hitting on one blocker, or passing on free balls," she said. "We also need to listen to each other when we're on the court and be able to communicate better to one another."

The Pumas have no games over the weekend, and will come back to play IUPUI on Wednesday. A few days break, says Schreiber, the team really needs.

"Hopefully the weekend off will give us a chance to re-evaluate things and get us headed in the right direction for the rest of the season," she said.



Photo by Holly Pickens

UP FOR THE BLOCK, sophomore Briann Smith (far) and senior Lori Replin block a spike in a recent game. The Pumas have dropped six straight games to take their record to 8-14.

Pumas ready for Ashland challenge

by Amy Skaggs

The Puma football team took advantage of their bye this weekend by preparing for this weekend's game against Ashland University. They have been concentrating heavily on improving their all-around team performance, and hope to get their first win this weekend.

According to junior Tom Offer, the Pumas must have confidence in themselves to overcome misfortunes.

"I think the team needs to start preparing ourselves mentally and physically before the games. There has been a lack of adequate preparation so far this season," said Offer. "If we are losing at halftime, everyone goes to the locker room with their heads down. This affects our performance throughout the second half. We need to have our heads up all the time and have faith in our ability to win. If we can overcome that, we will win games."

The Pumas will be without junior fullback Brent Eastwood who was injured in the last game when he suffered an acer-

ated kidney. The offensive has to juggle the positions around to make up for this unfortunate loss.

"The loss of Brent was a big one," said sophomore Jimmy Lane. "We'll have to move Harry (Vinegar) to fullback, which won't be any loss for us. Now, we'll have two speedsters as opposed to one speedster and one powerhouse."

The defense also has plans for Ashland this weekend. "Our defensive plan will be very simple because Ashland has a very simple offense," said senior Sean Fergus. "They like to run the ball a lot. We hope to shut down the middle, close up the outside and basically shut down their whole running game."

Saturday, the Pumas host a tough opponent and conference rival in Ashland University. A game, according to Fergus, which may surprise some people.

"I seriously think we can win this game. A lot of people think that we do not have the energy or desire to win. We will come out and surprise a lot of people," he said.



Quasney, Rowden lead to 2nd place finish

by Brian DiPaolo



Women's tennis coach John Barrientos has got a definite reason to be happy due to work of the Pumas, led by juniors Mary Quasney and Liz Rowden. The two finished in first place in the doubles tournament at the GLVC Women's Tennis Tournament on Oct. 7-9 at Bellarmine College and at the Rolex NCAA Division II Women's Midwest Regional Tennis Tournament held at Northwest Missouri State University on Oct. 1-3.

Quasney also finished first

in the singles competition at both tournaments. Rowden won the #3 Singles competition in the GLVC Tournament.

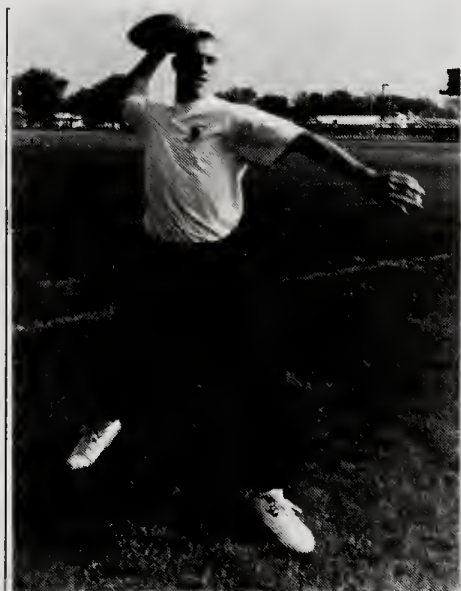
In the Rolex Tournament, Quasney and Rowden, the Number One seeded doubles players in the division, defeated the Number Three seeded team of Borter and Himstedt from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. The 6-2, 6-1 match was dominated by the well coordinated team work of Quasney and Rowden. The two also successfully defeated four other teams on route to the championship victory.

St. Joseph's College tied for

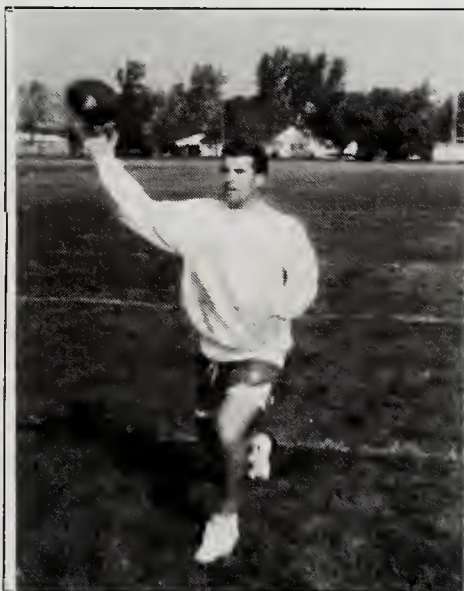
second place over-all with Bellarmine College in the GLVC event. Finishing in first place was Indianapolis; IPFW finished in fourth place followed by Kentucky Wesleyan, Northern Kentucky, Lewis, Southern Indiana, and Kentucky State.

The Women's Tennis team finished out their season with an 8-1 win over Northeastern University of Chicago on Monday. Coach Barrientos stated, "It's good to end the season with a win. I thought the team played well." The Lady Pumas finished the regular season with a 10-4 record.

QB, or not QB? Jordy proves that's no longer the question



CAN YOU pick out the real QB? Senior Dave Jordy challenged Ski to a test of QB skills and came out victorious. At left Jordy shows the proper way to throw a football, as Ski shows what not to do.



CHALLENGE SKI

by Mark Ciesielski

Dan Marino is out for the season. Randall Cunningham, out as well. Joe Theisman gets his leg mutilated on national television. Yes, they're all quarterbacks and all have been sidelined with serious injuries. So I had to seriously consider my health before accepting a challenge from our very own Puma QB, Dave Jordy.

Dave, however, assured me there would be no physical contact in this test of QB skills. With that in mind, I remembered the days of backyard football, where, day in and day out, I lead my clan of rough housers to victory with my golden arm. My sister and her friends just could not defend us...but anyways...

The challenge was set. We divided the contest into three skill areas with the football: a

throw for distance, an accuracy toss, and (though it has nothing to do with being a QB) field goals.

Dave came into the contest with brash confidence. "I had to relax and realize I'm better than Ski," he said. "You never know what can happen if you aren't confident." I sensed a little tension in his voice, however.

If there was any tension, it had to be in his voice only, because his arm was loose. Dave stepped up and heaved throws of 58, 59, and 63 yards. I was in trouble. There was no distance in my throws, at least compared to Dave's. My uninspired, wobbling throws landed at 47, 47 and 50 yards.

Accuracy was my only hope. We would aim for a hanging tire at distances of 10, 15, and 20 yards away. We were both dead eye from 10, but Dave scored twice to my one at 15 yards to take the lead. It came down to

the 20 yard throw. Dave hit the tire once, and I needed to hit it twice, but the pressure was obviously too much for me, and I choked.

We kicked field goals too, a contest we thought to be even since we both had never really kicked field goals. You'd never be able to tell, though. Neither one of us could miss from 25 yards out and on a hash mark, so we called it a tie. We were surprised at our kicking skills, especially since we were kicking into a fierce wind.

A challenge loss for me, but a great job by Dave Jordy. Simply stated, this guy can throw the football. Good luck to Dave and the rest of the Puma football team this weekend against Ashland. As much as I would like to be in the action, running, throwing, and getting tackled by men larger than me, I'll be watching, very safely, from the bleachers!

Golfers finish 8th in conference

by Brian DiPaolo

The Saint Joseph's College Men's Golf team wrapped up their season with an eighth place finish at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. Of the nine teams that battled in this tournament, Bellarmine College came out on top with a score of 871.

The Pumas were lead by Freshman Nick Anagnost who finished the three day event with a score of 238. Other scores shot by the team were 241 by Sophomore Chris Wolf, a 242 by Freshman Pat Cullen, a 246 by Tom Bear, and a 250 Daren Leklinski. The team finished with a total score of 958 just 12 strokes behind seventh place Kentucky State.

The individual low scorer of the tournament was Chad Hilderbrand of Indianapolis who shot a 210. Brian Merrill of Southern Indiana followed with a score of 216; and to round up the top five, Mark Welage of Northern Kentucky, and Brian Zoeller and Mike Kamber both of Bellarmine shot a 217.

Women win big over Oakland City

by Brian DiPaolo

"Our girls played well and I am proud of them," was the remark of Women's Golf coach Cyndi Gutwein after the team beat Oakland City College at the Curtis Creek Country Club on Oct. 1.

The Lady Pumas shot a 379 while OCC struggled with a score 587.

Leading the team were Traci Terrell and Carmen Skoog with scores of 89. Chasity Miller followed with a score of 100; while Melissa Messman shot a 101.

Gutwein felt that the Lady Pumas had an advantage over the Oakland City College team due to the fact that, "Oakland City's program is still in their infancy, and as their program matures their competitiveness will enhance."

Men's and women's Cross Country Big meet at Little State

The men's and women's cross country teams will compete at the Little State cross country tournament this weekend and will prepare for the regional tournament the following weekend. The Little State is the conference tournament for the Pumas.

According to junior Lisa Perez, the women's team would like to do well in their next few meets to prepare for the regional tournament.

"We really want to focus on our upcoming conference meet, and then the regional tournament," said Perez. "The way we have been running lately I think we will place high in our remaining meets."

The Pumas took second place in their latest run at a Benedictine meet. With the win, the Pumas improved their record to 16-4.

The men's team is currently 24-17-1, and are also looking forward to the conference meet this weekend. According to junior Chris Fitzgerald, the team has been focusing on the upcoming meet all week.

"We're really looking forward to the conference meet," he said. "We've been concentrating on it all week and are really hoping we can finish in at least the top four at the meet. We'll all have to be at our best in order to do that."

Baseball season comes to a close

The Puma baseball team wrapped up their fall season on Friday with a victory over McHenry College, by the score of 3-2. The Pumas ended the evaluation season with a record of 12-2, and will have a two month lay-off before they begin training for the spring season in January.

Junior Mo Sylvano said the Fall was successful for a couple of reasons. "We had a very successful record, but more importantly we were able to incorporate the younger players into the program."

The Pumas ended with practices this week, and will begin a weight training program that will run through the winter.



Shoe tree raises big stink —Tradition fears extinction—

by Greg Potts

Have you ever been in the Science Building, on sunny afternoon, when the wind is just right, and the room suddenly smells like old shoes? Well, those are old shoes. Hanging from the properly named Merlini Shoe Tree, located conveniently in front of Merlini Hall.

The exact date that the Merlini Shoe Tree, began to stand as a Men of Merlini (M.O.M.) symbol of unity, has been lost in misty dawns and the yellowed pages of history.

Every year the M.O.M., toss their dilapidated shoes high into the swaying branches, as a symbol of community among the residents. According to senior Mike Stader, "Home is where you

hang your shoes."

Attempts have been made to end this tradition. Last year under the watchful eye of the Janitorial office, housekeeping systematically removed each shoe, lace by lace, from the tree.

"The shoes were taken down because it was in-humane to have them 'thrown away' when people could be wearing them," commented Stader.

Interestingly enough, these shoes have worn treads and many miles of wear and tear on them. Who would want to wear them?

With the inauguration of Dr. Albert "Skip" Shannon, the M.O.M., dedicated the tree to

him under the pretense that Skip stands for tradition, and the tree has been a Saint Joseph's tradition for at least a decade.

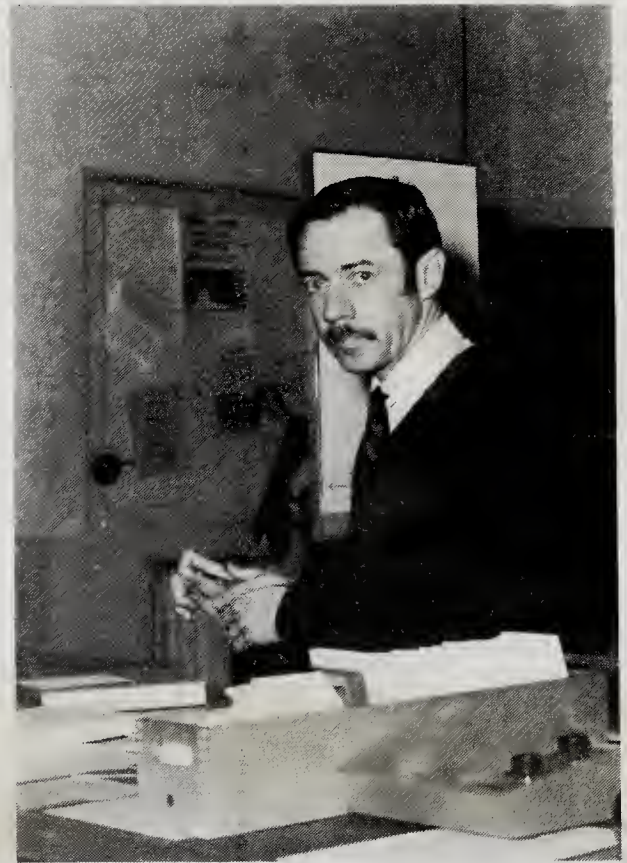
This is a last-ditch attempt to gain administrative support for this somewhat smelly but sacred tradition. A tradition that "The Back Page" staff strongly supports.

If this sacred tradition is taken away by an authoritative and oppressive administration, a junior who wished to be called "Fast Eddy," vows the memory of "the shoe tree will live on as a symbol of one dorm's struggle to be liberated from the bureaucratic (expletive deleted) that has been bestowed upon us by this school's administration."

The Quote of the Week

"Somedays you are the windshield, somedays you are the bug."

Unknown



This faculty member is a native of New York, who minds his p's and q's very well. He is also very punctual. Can you name him? (Last issue's mystery faculty member was Dr. Charles Kerlin of the English Department.)

On the town Local shares secrets of popular hangouts

by Greg Potts

O.K., you are stuck here in the middle of nowhere. You are tired of Student Association and S.U.B. events. Sure they are great, but you never meet anyone new. Or maybe you are sick of hearing people party all night. The library is closed, so what do you do here at Saint Joseph's College?

It's simple, go out and meet the locals. This is your guide to the Rensselaer night life. I have carefully studied the world of locals. It has been my life long past, and I will share many years of hard work and toil with you for absolutely no cost.

The first stop to check out is the famed Collegeville Bowl. As its name may suggest, it is in close proximity of our beloved college.

If any of you have braved heartbreak to watch the Puma football team, you have seen the Collegeville Bowl behind the north goalpost. For those of you who have never seen a football game, or just don't know north from south, the bowling alley

lies just down the road on 231, behind the Indiana National Bank.

The Collegeville Bowl offers the finest bowling experience in town. The best thing about this experience is the cost. You can rent shoes and bowl a game for under \$3.

At the Collegeville Bowl, ten lanes are available for your bowling pleasure. The bowling alley should provide and evening of fun-filled competition, for you and your closest friends. For those of you who cannot get enough bowling action, you many inquire at the counter about evening leagues.

Do not forget to dine at the Collegeville Bowl's snack shop.it has a four star rating.....trust me.....ummmmmmm good!

The second spot to try in town is Bazz's Eat 'n Sip located on North McKinley street in Rensselaer. Bazz's is truly a local favorite. We don't like many people to know about it. Bazz's is a very informal place. It offers a large variety of food,

mostly sandwiches and dinner baskets.

The food is first rate and the prices are reasonable enough for any college student's budget. I strongly suggest the fried chicken. It tops KFC. You may also want to try the tenderloin basket, I have heard it's to kill for.

After you have feasted at Bazz's Eat 'n Sip, why not journey down the road to Bazz's Roller Rink. Skates can be rented at the door or you can bring your own.

Bazz's Roller Rink provides you with a mix of your old '80's favorites and your raves of today, so you can get down and groove as you skate the night away. I strongly suggest hanging out until you've gotten at least one "17 and Older" skate in.

In all the above places you can escape the rigors of college life and see how the townies eat, date, and mate. These townies hangouts should provide you with hours of low-cost entertainment.

Keep on reading "The Back Page," as we journey near and far to bring you more townie hangouts.

A letter to home

Dear Mom and Dad,

Just thought I'd write to you before you came down for Parent's Weekend. I thought I had to explain a few things before you came down.

First of all, on that charge slip you got back from the bookstore, those CD's are required for a class. Secondly, that *Playboy* subscription along with *Chick and Jugs*, was required for Anatomy and Physiology class. So please don't think I'm a perverted young child.

The bill from the Student Affairs office, that part that says Alcohol Level 1, and has a \$75 dollar fine was strictly voluntarily done on my part to help the Alcohol Awareness program on campus. I hear that this donation is tax deductible.

Remember that last time I was home and you asked me if I had found a job yet, I told you the snack bar was yet to open.

Well, as of this Tuesday the snack bar is open, and I still have no job. So, please send a large amount of money, ASAP.

When you come to visit this weekend, please don't put your last name on your name tag. Because I know a few professors who will be looking for you. If they ask you if I am your son, just say "Huh?" and walk away. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

With the new president comes new policies, therefore the school has outlawed any parents from sitting in on their son's/daughter's classes. I am just as disappointed as you are over this new rule, because I had hoped you could see my CORE expertise in action.

Well, I have to go now. I finally found the library and thought I would check it out.

Love,

Your little Angel